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Dear Madam Chairman,

I am in receipt of your letter RE: MUR 4583 of November 25, 1996.

I have carefully examined the contents of the letter as well as the enclosures thereto.

First, I feel that the entire communication to me or to the Embassy of India is misdirected. I have not been able to find anything in the letter or in the Factual and Legal Analysis which in any way concerns me or the Embassy of India.

Secondly, the description of preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Federal Election Commission does not cover the manner in which accredited missions of foreign governments are to be approached for eliciting information or cooperation. If this is at all considered necessary by the Federal Election Commission, then it would appear that the communication would need to be channelled through the Department of State of the U.S. Government.

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We see no need in this case to be represented by Counsel and, therefore, it is not necessary for me to complete the form enclosed with your letter.

I take it that this matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437(a)(12)(A).

Yours sincerely,


(Wajahat Habibullah)
Minister

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